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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE' CYRUS) UK
SUBJECT: MBFR: US-FRG BILATERALS ON DATA ISSUE

1. ON THE MARGIN OF THE LONDON SUMMIT, SECRETARY VANCE AND GENSCHER HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE FURTHER VIEWS ON THE DATA ISSUE. THE FRG SIDE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING PAPER FOR OUR CONSIDERATION:

BEGIN TEXT: HOW TO PROCEED IN VIENNA ON DATA

1. THE WEST PRESENTS DATA FOR SOVIET AND US FORCES IN THE ZONE OF REDUCTIONS.

2. THE WEST PROPOSES THAT EACH SIDE SPLIT UP ITS GLOBAL DATA SUBMITTED IN VIENNA AS FOLLOWS:

 A) SEPARATE FIGURES FOR FIELD ARMY, SUPPLY-FORCES, AND TERRITORIAL ARMY;

 B) FIELD ARMY DIVIDED INTO MAJOR UNITS (ARMY, CORPS, DIVISION);

 C) IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR UNITS ACCORDING TO LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS.

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IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST TO FURTHER SPECIFY THE NATIONALITY OF INDIVIDUAL MAJOR UNITS?

IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST TO SPLIT UP THE TOTALS OF SUPPLY FORCES INTO NATIONAL FIGURES?

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS OPPOSED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF GLOBAL NATIONAL DATA INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA. SUCH GLOBAL NATIONAL FIGURES ARE OF A POLITICAL NOT OF A

TECHNICAL NATURE. IN THE LONG RUN INTRODUCTION OF SUCH GLOBAL NATIONAL DATA WOULD UNDERMINE THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVITY.

3. HOWEVER, THE WESTERN SIDE COULD--INDEPENDENTLY OF MBFR--PUBLISH AS A NATO DOCUMENT NATIONAL DATA OF ALLIED FORCES IN THE ZONE OF REDUCTIONS AS FAR AS THEY BELONG TO THE INTEGRATED DEFENCE PROGRAMME (FRENCH FORCES IN GERMANY COULD BE--IF PARIS AGREES--MENTIONED IN A SPECIFIC WAY). THE NATO PUBLICATION SHOULD NOT BE RELATED TO MBFR. IT SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA. WESTERN NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA COULD REFER TO IT IN A GENERAL WAY IF THE EASTERN SIDE ASKS RELEVANT QUESTIONS. END TEXT.

2. SECRETARY VANCE AGREED THAT THE PAPER SEEMED TO REPRESENT A SENSIBLE APPROACH. GENSCHER SAID HE WOULD FORWARD THE PAPER TO HIS NATO DELEGATION FOR PRESENTATION IN NATO. THE GERMANS HAVE SHOWN THE PAPER TO THE UK WHO SAID THEY WOULD STUDY IT.

3. FOR USNATO. THE GERMANS WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN NATO. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THEIR APPROACH.

4. FOR USDEL MBFR. THE SECRETARY WOULD APPRECIATE DELEGATION'S JUDGMENT ON HOW BEST TO REFINE GERMAN APPROACH, WHILE PRESERVING ITS PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS, FOR PRESENTATION TO THE OTHER SIDE.

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